

TEAM NORFOLK



Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

Norfolk Public Health
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Welcome / Introductions

Scott Mahone and Eve Zentrich welcomed the group and provided opening remarks.

Team Norfolk Updates / Announcements

- The Norfolk Public Health Department conducted a successful Drive- thru flu shot exercise at Harbor Park on October 17th, providing approximately 130 shots to the community.
- The City of Norfolk will be moving from Nixel to Everbridge as its alert/notification system. Many hospitals and localities are already using Everbridge, as it supports increased outreach capabilities. The changeover is scheduled to take place mid – December followed by a notification to sign up for the for the new Everbridge system.
- First Lady Michelle Obama will be speaking at the Ted Constant Convocation Center for the Fruits and Vegetables event on Friday, November 20th.
- The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be hosting tours of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel beginning in January of 2016. The tours are designed to give first responders and stakeholders an overall view of the tunnel operations. If you are interested in participating in one of the tours, please contact Karen Lovely at Karen.Lovely@norfolk.gov .

Round Table Discussion

In the wake of the terror attacks in Paris, the group engaged in a discussion based on a similar scenario occurring in Norfolk at the Grand Illumination Parade. The scenario included significant numbers of casualties and damage in the downtown area. Law enforcement's role was discussed at a local, state and federal level, and the fire department provided information on their plans and response. The economic impact of workplaces and schools being closed, extensive media coverage, and local hospitals being overwhelmed for a prolonged period was discussed in depth. Family unification and various areas of communication were identified as areas of concern. There will be a follow-up discussion to address these issues to update our Framework Plan. It is critical that we continue this discussion for planning and operational challenges.

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